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FOR JONIETZ (EUR/CAN)

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TAGS: SENV, ENRG, PGOV, SOPN, CA

SUBJECT: TORONTO STAR BLASTS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EXEMPTION  
FOR NEW HYDRO NUCLEAR PLANT

1. THE SECOND EDITORIAL IN THE AUGUST 25 TORONTO STAR,  
"WE NEED HEARING ON NEW NUCLEAR REACTOR," BLASTED  
THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT FOR THE EXEMPTION FROM THE NEED FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY IMPOSED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
ACT OF THE PLANNED ONTARIO HYDCO DARLINGTON CANDU NUCLEAR  
POWER STATION AT NEWCASTLE, ONTARIO.

2. THE EDITORIAL SUGGESTED THAT THE ONTARIO MINISTRY  
OF ENVIRONMENT HAD NO REAL JUSTIFICATION IN ALLOWING  
THE EXEMPTION AND THAT BY WAITING SO LONG -- "AMPLE  
TIME FOR A WELL-CONDUCTED INQUIRY" -- "IT COULD INVOKE  
THE URGENCY OF AN IMPENDING ELECTRICITY SHORTAGE AS  
A REASON FOR EXEMPTING THE PROJECT.

"THIS EXPENDIENCY MAKES A FARCE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
ASSESSMENT ACT. IT ALSO CREATES NEEDLESS GROUNDS

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FOR PUBLIC SUSPICION THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND HYDRO  
DO NOT WANT THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THEN  
FARLINGTON PROJECT TO BE FULLY AND PUBLICLY EXPLORED."

3. THE STAR STATED THE OPINION THAT AN INQUIRY COULD  
HAVE REASSURED PUBLIC OPINION ON THE SAFETY OF THE  
CANDU REACTOR RELATIVE TO ANY OTHER FORM OF ELECTRICITY  
GENERATION AND ON THE QUESTION OF SAFE DISPOSAL OF RADIO-

ACTIVE WASTE." AND IT COULD HAVE PROVED THE NEED FOR MORE  
NUCLEAR ENERGY IF ONTARIM IS NOT TO FREEZE IN THE DARK  
A FEW YEARS FROM NOW."

4. COMMENT: WHILE THE STAR'S OPINION REFLECTS ITS THOUGHTS  
ON THE PARTICULAR QUESTION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, THE PROTEST  
REGARDING THE EXEMPTION MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT  
RELATIVE TO THE ATIKOKAN THERMAL POWER PLANT QUESTION.  
COPY OF THE EDITORIAL BEING POUCHED EUR/CAN ATTN: JONIEZ.  
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